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**Subject:** San Jacinto River Waste Pits (06ZQ) - Phone Contact With Sr. Inspector Mike Lachapelle  
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Donn,

Please call Mike Lachapelle (832.594.3115 - cell or 713.218.5542 office) and let him know you will put him on your mailing list for future site meetings in the area.

Following is an extract from my site activity log (my ROC of my 06/17/09 phone conversation with Sr. Inspector Mike Lachapelle):

**06/17/09**

1:09 p.m. Stephen forwarded phone msg from Sr. Inspector Mike Lachapelle, Houston Police Dept. The inspector left voice msg that he'd seen the site status summary from the internet and that he wanted to know if criminal charges have ever been brought against McGinnes or persons responsible for conditions at the Site.

1:18 p.m. – At Stephen's request I called Sr. Inspector Mike Lachapelle at 832.594.3115 (his personnel cell). Mike asked that I call him back at his office 713.218.5542. I immediately called him back. In my opinion, Mike's call was as a concerned private citizen rather than an official police inquiry. Following are Mike's significant comments during this call.

He said he is the environmental investigator with the Houston Police dept.

He said he'd already called the Harris County DA but the DA had not yet returned his call.

Over the years as a police officer he'd worked the Site area and as person that had lived in the Site area he'd seen hundreds of people swimming and fishing the water near the Site. He said he was concerned for their [fishermen and swimmers) health due to high level of Dioxin in the area.

To his question if criminal charges had ever been brought against McGinnes I told him I not aware of any criminal charges. I told him that a civil charge had been made against McGinnes (or his company) for similar wastes near Galveston.

I told him Mr. McGinnes is deceased and his children are deceased.

He feels that criminal charges should be brought against whoever might have responsibility for dioxin contaminated waste at the Site/

He asked if Champion has responsibility for Site clean up and I said we (EPA) has contacted International Paper Company (parent by merger) & I believe they have agreed to talk to EPA.

He seemed satisfied that EPA is trying to find responsible parties that will help clean the site.

Mike asked for, and I gave him my office phone number.

I told him he could watch the web site for information about future community meetings.